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SUBJECT: W/W - ARRESTS: LESLIE FOX

REF: ADDIS ABABA 3409

1. DUE TO HIGH LEVEL OF PUBLICITY CONNECTED WITH FOX'S ARREST AND FACT THAT DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY IN CONTACT WITH FOX'S FATHER, DEPARTMENT FELT OBLIGATED TO INFORM FOX'S FATHER ON BASIS OF REFTEL THAT CONSUL HAD SEEN HIS SON MORNING OF MAY 31. WE TOLD FATHER ONLY THAT HIS SON APPEARED TO BE IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION BUT WAS SUFFERING FROM HEAD COLD, THAT NO CHARGES HAD YET BEEN PRESENTED, THAT IT MAY BE THREE OR FOUR DAYS BEFORE EPMG DECIDES WHETHER OR NOT TO PRESS CHARGES AND THAT IN MEANWHILE CONSUL WILL BE ABLE TO SEE HIS SON FOR SOME FIVE MINUTES DAILY.

2. DEPARTMENT ALSO INFORMED GEORGE W. ROSS OF FOSTER PARENTS OF CONTENTS OF REFTEL. ROSS WHO HAS READ ALL OF

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FOX'S REPORTS FROM FIELD SAID THEY CONTAINED ONLY POLITICAL INFORMATION OF MOST INNOCUOUS NATURE, ALL OF WHICH HAD DIRECT BEARING ON OPERATION OF FOSTER PARENTS PROGRAM IN GAMU GOFA REGION. ROSS SAID HE WAS VERY SURPRISED ABOUT FOX'S ARREST SINCE ON MAY 5 HE HAD SPOKEN AT ETHIOPIAN

UN MISSION WITH ATO SHIMELIS ADUGNA OF RELIEF AND

REHABILITATION COMMISSION WHO ASSURED HIM THAT PROGRAM
WAS MAKING A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO FAMILY LIFE IN
ETHIOPIA. ROSS ATTEMPTED TO TELEPHONE SHIMELIS MORNING
JUNE 1. HE MANAGED TO SPEAK TO SHIMELIS'S ASSISTANT,
ATO ALEMAYEHU, WHO TOLD ROSS NOT TO WORRY ABOUT FOX
AND SAID WITH ASSURANCE THAT FOX WOULD BE FREED VERY
SHORTLY.

3. ROSS INSISTED TO DEPARTMENT THAT FOSTER PARENTS
WISHES FOX TO DEPART ETHIOPIA AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.
QUESTION OF PROGRAM'S FUTURE WILL BE ADDRESSED ONLY
AFTER FOX IS SAFELY DEPARTED ETHIOPIA. CHRISTOPHER

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